Mr. P. Joseph John : (*a*) The scheme is one carried out by the Madras Government and this Government have not made any investment in that scheme.

(*b*) The line will be completed before the 31st Karkadagom 1121.

(*c*) Beneficial to many industrial concerns in the State and to the general public.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker : May I know from the honourable member the nature of the agreement for the supply ?

President : It is nothing. We had more demands for power than we could supply. We could not meet the demand for supply from the Punalur and Shencotta areas which we requisitioned from Papanasom having regard to the large demands in respect of the large number of industries especially in the north of Travancore. We asked the Madras Government to give power from Papanasom for a certain limited number of years at a fixed rate. So it is only a question of lease for a certain number of years.

Mr. T. W. U. Park : With reference to answer to part (b) may I know whether the line has been commissioned ?

Mr. P. Joseph John : Not yet.

Mr. T. W. U. Park : May I know whether the Department will provide suitable safeguards where the line crosses motor roads.

Mr. P. Joseph John : Certainly.

Charges for electric current.

36 * **Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether invoices are being sent to collect money in relation to current charges by the Electric Department ;

(*b*) whether money orders to meet such expenses, if sent are refused ; and

(*c*) if so, the reason for such refusal ?

Mr. P. Joseph John : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, in a few cases.

(*c*) Since collections are received at the counter by the cashiers or by the field staff in centres where cashiers have not been appointed, those sent by money order in certain cases addressed to the Chief Accountant were refused since he does not function as a collecting agency.

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